



# TEMPO

FEBRUARY 2019

## Message From the President



I must start my remarks by saying - President Trump gave the most fantastic State of the Union speech I have heard in a very long time! It was Reaganesque! As my son would say - he hit it out of the park! It kept getting better and better to the very end. Honoring the holocaust survivor and the WW II soldier and telling their story brought me to tears. I am so thankful we have

a President who values the sanctity of life. In stark contrast, we have a Governor who tries to justify infanticide and supported a radical third trimester abortion bill for Virginia similar to the one recently enacted in New York. I dare say, he is not the kindly doctor he painted himself to be when he ran against Ed Gillespie and won the election. Thankfully, we still hold the slimmest of majorities in both the House and Senate. This year's state elections are critically important. Remember President Trump's declaration "the United States will never be a socialist country" and be mindful that our state elections are every bit as important to "keeping America great" as our federal elections.

At the January membership meeting, the 2019 budget was approved. And I am happy to report that Mary Margaret Jenkins agreed to be our hospitality chair with the assistance of Nadine Bacaj. Many thanks to Mary Margaret and Nadine.

Please make plans to attend the February 28rd membership meeting. I'm sure the program will be quite informative and interesting but the highlight of the meeting will be the presentation of the scholarship fund gifts in honor and remembrance of Loree Gunn to Jody Rushton, President, National Federation of Republican Women. See you on the 28th.

Eileen Brackens

*"We will vote for the country we want. We will vote for the future we want. We will vote for the politics we want. Join me in taking back our country and creating a bright and glorious new dawn for our people." Donald J. Trump*

### Commonwealth

### Republican Women's Club

Thursday, February 28, 2019

#### Place:

#### NOTE: Location Change!

**Sister Cities Conference Room,  
1st Floor City Hall,  
301 King St. Alexandria VA  
22314**

#### Time:

7:00

**Social:**

7:30

**Meeting & Program**

**Presentation Honoring  
Loree Gunn**

#### Speaker:

**Lisa Henty, Assistant Director  
Alexandria's Office  
of Management and Budget.**

#### Subject:

**Proposed City of Alexandria  
FY 2020 Budget**

## CRWC PROGRAM: *by Linda App, VP Program*

### **February CRWC Meeting: Location Change, City Budget Speaker, and Pathfinders Contribution Presentation**

Our February 28, 2019 meeting will be held at Alexandria's City Hall Building, in the Sister Cities Room. Refreshments at 7 pm, meeting at 7:30 pm.

We will be making a special presentation of contributions collected in memory of Loree Gunn to Pathfinder, Inc. scholarship and internship programs. Jody Rushton, NFRW President, will receive the gifts on behalf of Pathfinder, Inc. The Pathfinder Inc. programs are a wonderful way to support up-and-coming young conservative leaders. Perhaps we should issue a fundraising challenge to other NFRW chapters for the support of Pathfinder programs? PS – It's not too late to add your check to the others. Please make your tax-deductible checks (in any amount) payable to one of the following programs named in bold:

Pathfinder Inc., Pathfinder Scholarship (undergraduate and graduate scholarships)

Pathfinder Inc., Betty Rendel (undergraduate scholarships)

Pathfinder, Inc., Dorothy Kabis (undergraduate internships at NFRW HQ)

Our guest speaker for the evening will be Lisa Henty, Assistant Director of Alexandria's Office of Management and Budget. Her topic is the Proposed City FY 2020 Budget. In preparation of that meeting, members might want to do a little homework. If so, here are two good links:

A preview of some budget issues

[https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/budget/info/budget2020/Retreat%20Presentation%20FY%202020%20\(Final\).pdf](https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/budget/info/budget2020/Retreat%20Presentation%20FY%202020%20(Final).pdf)

Most recent city financial statements and lots of associated information

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/finance/info/CAFR%20FY18%20v3.3.1-DRAFT.pdf>

Feel free to bring a friend to the meeting.

## MEMBERSHIP : *by Susie Miller, VP Membership*



I am pleased to announce that since the first of the year we have 37 paid Members and 3 Associate Members. We have 13 alumni who are planning to reactivate and 4 new people who are planning to join. I am so excited by the response. Many of our alumni are appalled at what is happening in our state and federal government and feel compelled to join and make a difference.

Encourage your friends and neighbors to come to a meeting. It is helpful to send them a Tempo, too, as it gives them an opportunity to see all the wonderful things our club does. I like to mention our book club and now our dinner out group.

I would be happy to call anyone you have in mind, Just give me a call.

Susie Miller

912-577-8478

## HOSPITALITY REPORT: *by Mary Margaret Jenkins & Nadine Bacaj*

We will be looking for volunteers to bring food to the meeting on February 28th and for future meetings.

Please call Mary Margaret at 601.955.7219 or email at [johnsonmarymargaret@gmail.com](mailto:johnsonmarymargaret@gmail.com).

Thinking ahead, in two months we will have our super buffet for the April Membership Reception.



## Republican Women's Federal Forum

Tom Fitton had many intriguing points to make and information to share at the January Federal Forum luncheon, and we've captured the essence of a few of the nuggets here.

- The activities and actions at the FBI that led to the Mueller investigation into accusations of President Trump's involvement with Russia would be defined as a coup if it had been done by military generals.
- While the President is not above the law, neither is he below the protection of the law.
- The confirmation hearings for AG William Barr should include not only is he strong enough to stand up to the President, but is he strong enough to stand up FOR the President.
- Partisan democrats run the government agencies.
- Climate change data that refutes the liberal agenda is being hidden from the public.
- The media is not above the law.
- Look at your level of personal activism. We all have to keep working.



Sally, Susan, Susie, Eileen, Linda, Laurie and Linda at the Republican Women's Federal Forum in January to hear Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton.

## Say Cheese!

You have probably noticed that CRWC has been getting more press lately. We've found that the local papers are more inclined to cover our activities if we can give them some photos. So....we'd like to showcase all of *you* in the photographs we take at our events. Though you may be camera-shy, we need a variety of faces in photos so it's not always 'the usual suspects' in the papers. *Please* join in for the group shots, and say "Cheese!"



## Red Hat Walkers Club Forming

*by Linda App, VP Programs*



Well, the weather has been working against us, so we haven't had our first walk yet. Our first walk will probably be in early March. See Linda App if you'd like to join the e-mail list for the walking club.



## “Potluck and Politics” Dinner Club Forming

by Linda App, VP Programs



### New Dinner Club's First Gathering Feb. 22

The new CRWC Politics and Pot Luck Dinner Club idea is a success with lots of people signing up at our last meeting. It's not too late to join in. We are having our first get-together Friday, February 22 at 6:00 pm in the party room at Glory Days Grill, 3141 Duke St., Alexandria, VA 22314. (No "Potluck" since we will be at a restaurant, but lots of Politics talk!) RSVP by leaving a message at 703-370-7761.

Husbands/guests are welcome. Everyone will get separate tabs to pay only for what they order (+tax + tips, of course).

<https://www.glorydaysgrill.com/locations/virginia/alexandria-commons/?locid=30>

## CRWC's January Meeting on the Status of Women Report

Kendra Martello, Chair of Alexandria's Commission for Women, and Liz Johnson, Commissioner, were the guest speakers at the January meeting of the Commonwealth Republican Women's Club (CRWC). The speakers provided an overview and some interesting details of the Commission's recently-released Status of Women Report. The topic was quite popular and members continued to engage with the speakers long after the meeting ended.



Kimberly, Eileen, Suzanne, Laurie, Susie, Linda, with Liz and Kendra.

# 2019 Calendar

*Meetings, Events, Deadlines and Elections*

## February 2019

27 - March 2 - CPAC at National Harbor

28 - CRWC Membership City Hall, Sisters City Meeting Room 7 Social, 7:30 Meeting

## March 2019

7 - ARCC meets at Minnie Howard School – 7:30 PM

St. Patrick's Day Parade, Alexandria, Va.

14 - CRWC Board Meeting, TBA

28 - CRWC Membership Meeting, TBA

## April 2019

4 - ARCC meets at Minnie Howard School – 7:30 PM

11 - CRWC Board Meeting, Bradley Safeway Community Room, King St. & Braddock Rd. – 7:30 PM

25 - CRWC Annual Membership Reception at Lyceum, S. Washington St. 7:00 PM

## May 2019

2 - ARCC meets at Minnie Howard School – 7:30 PM

9 - CRWC Board Meeting, Bradley Safeway Community Room, King St. & Braddock Rd. – 7:30 PM

23 - CRWC Membership Meeting, TBA

## June 2019

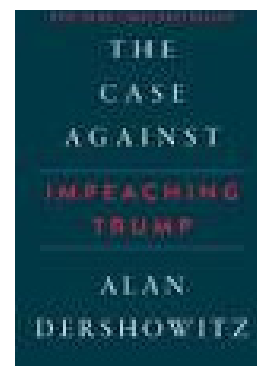
7 - A Fox on the Fairway FUNdraising event at Little Theatre of Alexandria – 7:30 PM

13 - CRWC Board Meeting, Bradley Safeway Community Room, King St. & Braddock Rd. – 7:30 PM

## CONSERVATIVE BOOK CLUB *by Susan Yonts-Shepard*

The Book Club met at Jan Bates' house where we had wonderful time discussing a variety of topics including Alan Dershowitz's book, The Case Against Impeaching Trump. Dershowitz makes a compelling case against any attempt to impeach the President because he says the President has done nothing that comes close to meeting the standard set by the Constitution for impeachment. He adds that he would be saying the same thing regardless of who was President given the same circumstance. He illustrates how the Constitution stipulates treason, bribery, high crimes and misdemeanors are the only reasons for impeachment. And you must commit these crimes while in office. Also in his book he talks about how far left the ACLU has moved in the last 10 years and that he no longer supports them. And he briefly describes how appointing a Special Prosecutor to look into Russian involvement in US elections was a mistake. He advocates for a bipartisan commission instead.

The Book Club will be reading, We Wanted Workers, next. And the March meeting will be held at Susan Yonts-Shepard's house ([seysrls@comcast.net](mailto:seysrls@comcast.net)). If you are interested in attending, need more information about the book, would like to join the book club or just sit in on our discussion, let Susan know.



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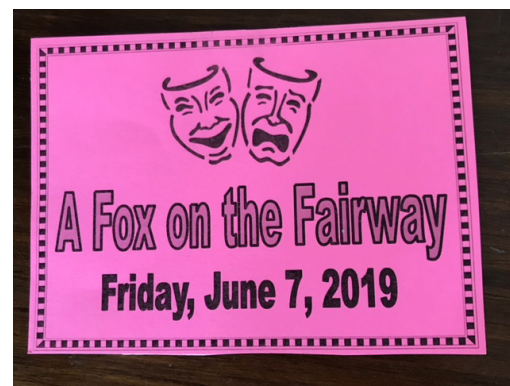


## A Fox on the Fairway at The Little Theatre

Welcome to 2019! I hope your Christmas and New Year's celebrations were fantastic! And speaking of fantastic, I know you have saved **Friday, June 7** on your electronic calendar for *a Fox on the Fairway* at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, but please be sure also to mark your 2019 physical calendar (if, like me, you still keep one!)

I was delighted during the 2018 Christmas season to print vouchers for our very first *Fox on the Fairway* ticket purchases! So, the selling has begun. Tickets are \$40 each and will include not only a great play enjoyed with great company but also our always scrumptious pre-play reception and champagne intermission!

We hope you will start the year by doing three things. First, buy your tickets for the play. Second, tell your friends and family about this fundraiser and get them to purchase their tickets! It is always a great event and we want to include as many friends and family as possible! Third, please consider joining our committee to plan this event. It is not very taxing. We need people to help tweak the agenda from previous years, to help us reach



out to corporate sponsors, to sell tickets and to help line up CRWC members to do some fun organizational tasks on the night of the event—folding napkins was an incredibly popular task last year—we were literally inundated with volunteers!

Just two or three brief meetings is all it requires, and miraculously, the fundraiser just seems to happen by itself! I would like to hold our initial planning meeting on Tuesday, February 19 at 7pm if that date works for committee members!

As a reminder, here is LTA's description of *A Fox on the Fairway*:

“A charming madcap adventure about love, life and man's eternal love affair with...golf.

(Ken) Ludwig's play will take you on a hilarious romp that pulls the rug out from underneath the stuffy denizens of a private country club. Filled with mistaken identities, slamming doors and romantic missteps, this furious paced comedy recalls the best of the Marx Brothers' classics.”

My comment: If you're tired of whining “Snowflakes” and political correctness and are up for some old-fashioned humor, this is the play for you! Looking forward to working with you on this event!

Laurie Kirby (703) 220-1067 KirbyL2@aol.com

## Black History Month Recognition



“A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus.” Martin Luther King Jr.

**Facebook** is a wonderful networking and communication tool for CRWC. Through our CRWC Facebook group we can instantly notify members of events or rallies where they could work to promote local candidates. There is a special tool to create event invitations which can be sent not only to group members but emailed to anyone. We also post information about the speaker for our upcoming meetings and links to information they have presented us. Photos have been added to our page from previous meetings as well as events, such as the George Washington Parade. Join us on Facebook: [CRWC - Commonwealth Republican Women's Club](#)

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## Commonwealth Republican Women's Club Membership Application/Renewal 2019

\*Required Information \*Date\_\_\_\_\_

\*Name \_\_\_\_\_

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New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Membership: Full \$35\_\_\_\_\_

Associate Members: \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

If a woman, the name of Primary Republican Women's Club \_\_\_\_\_

### Make check payable to CRWC and mail to:

Suzanne Morrison

3812 Woodlawn Ct., Alexandria VA 22304

I am interested in participating in the following areas:

\_\_\_ Achievement Awards \_\_\_ Hospitality \_\_\_ By-Laws \_\_\_ Legislation & Campaigns

\_\_\_ Community Service \_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_ Fund Raising \_\_\_ Press/Public Relations

Other community, civic or club activities I am involved in:

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